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To: Members of the Planning & Development Committee

From: Ross G. Spiegel, FAIA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, LEED AP BD+C, Vice Chair
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Connecticut Green Building Council

Re: Favorable Support of H.B. 7366 – An Act Concerning Incentives for
Energy Efficient Construction

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Planning & Development Committee

The Connecticut Green Building Council (CTGBC) is pleased to strongly support H.B. 7366, which if enacted, would result in a one-time state tax credit to Connecticut residents of \$2,500 for single filers or \$5,000 for joint filers who purchase a newly constructed home with a Home Energy Rating (HERS) of 60 or better. This legislation supports the State's Comprehensive Energy Strategy which prioritizes energy savings as both a financial and energy resource as well as improving the performance and productivity of buildings.

The CTGBC is a Connecticut 501(c)(3) that is affiliated with the United States Green Building Council, an organization committed to a sustainable and prosperous future. CTGBC's members represent diverse, small and large businesses working in sustainable design: energy efficiency and clean energy installations and new construction of high-performance buildings and sustainable sites, green infrastructure and living shorelines. Our members and their employers create and retain well-paying jobs that benefit Connecticut's economy and communities.

We are committed to transforming the way our buildings are designed, constructed and operated through **LEED™** — the top third-party verification system for sustainable structures, landscapes and neighborhoods around the world. There are over 2,000 LEED Accredited Professionals and Green Associates working in Connecticut and 634 projects in Connecticut (representing nearly 60 million gross square feet) that have been LEED certified or registered. Throughout the year, CTGBC holds a series of workshops on green building topics, networking opportunities, membership meetings, educational forums, seminars on green buildings and periodic Connecticut based LEED training in conjunction with the US Green Building Council.

Ross G. Spiegel, Vice Chair & Advocacy Committee Chair
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